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HISTORY 341: BRITAIN TO 1688

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Welcome! This course will introduce you to the history of a nation which has had a great deal of influence (perhaps too much!) on our own history. This syllabus contains useful information, and you should retain it for future reference.

Course Texts are currently available for purchase in the University Center Bookstore, and depending on availability will be placed on reserve in Mansfield Library. These are as follows:

Lacey Baldwin Smith, This Realm of England (or "S")

J.J. Scarisbrick, The Reformation and the English People

David Underdown, Fire From Heaven

In addition, there is a readings packet on two-hour closed reserve in Mansfield with the understanding that students will have the complete packet photocopied at the beginning of the semester. Removing the reserve copy of the packet from the library is theft and will be dealt with as such. The packet will also be available on line.

Lectures for History 341 are delivered Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:10 AM to 12 Noon. Please be punctual as late entrances distract other members of the class. If you have questions or comments about the subject matter that you wish to direct to me, I am happy to receive these during lecture. (If you have questions or comments to address to anyone else, please wait until after lecture.) I assert my rights of intellectual property over these lectures, including any notes taken from them; sale of lecture notes is therefore theft and will be dealt with as such. Lectures may not be recorded without my prior written permission.

Grades will be determined by a midterm examination on 27 October, two book reviews (on Scarisbrick and Underdown respectively) due on 9 October and 20 November, weekly reading responses (300 words) and participation in discussions, and a final examination on 18 December. Each component (exams, reviews, discussion/ responses) counts for 20% of the final grade. Students taking the course on a Pass/ No Pass basis are advised that (1) 70 points are needed to pass, (2) their final percentage will not be "curved," and (3) they must take both examinations and hand in both reviews to pass. Be advised that I will not change grades once they are assigned.

Examinations consist of essays. This sort of examination allows students to demonstrate mastery of the subject matter, and gives the instructor a more complete picture of what students are thinking about the material. Book reviews are to be 1500 words in length, which is generally about five double-spaced pages with twelve point type and one inch margins.

I am happy to say I have encountered very little academic dishonesty at this institution. I must point out to you, however, that in compliance with History Department policy cheating or plagiarism will result in failure of the course, and may incur more serious penalties under the Student Conduct Code, including suspension or even expulsion.

SCHEDULE OF LECTURES AND READING ASSIGNMENTS

- F 9/08. England and the English.
M 9/11. The Monarchy
W 9/13. Parliament and the Courts.
F 9/15. The Church in Medieval England.
M 9/18. Henry VII and the Reform of Royal Government. Sc5 (Smith, chapter 5).
W 9/20. Henry VIII and the English Reformation. Sc6.
F 9/22. Discussion: William Roper, The Life of Sir Thomas More, in packet.
M 9/25. The English Reformation and its Consequences. Sc7.
W 9/27. The Marian Reaction. Sc8.
F 9/29. Discussion: John Foxe, Book of Martyrs, in packet.
M 10/02. Elizabethan England: Society and Culture. Sc9.
W 10/04. Elizabethan England: Religion, Politics, Diplomacy, and War. Sc10.
F 10/06. Discussion: Scarisbrick, The Reformation and the English People.
M 10/09. Women in Early Modern England. Scarisbrick review due in class.
W 10/11. Marriage and the Family in Early Modern England.
F 10/13. Discussion: The Autobiography of Mrs. Alice Thornton, in packet.
M 10/16. Daily Life in Early Modern England.
W 10/18. England and Scotland.
F 10/20. Discussion: William Harrison, Description of England, in packet.
M 10/23. English Exploration and Colonization.
W 10/25. Review.
F 10/27. **Midterm Examination.**
M 10/30. James I and Parliament. Sc11.
W 11/01. James I and Foreign Policy.
F 11/03. Discussion: John Bunyan, Pilgrim's Progress, in packet.
M 11/06. Charles I, Buckingham, and Parliament. Sc12.
W 11/08. The Personal Rule.
F 11/10. Veteran's Day. No class.
M 11/13. Civil War. Sc13.
W 11/15. Regicide.
F 11/17. Discussion: Underdown, Fire From Heaven.
M 11/20. Underdown Review due.
M 11/27. The Interregnum.
W 11/29. The Restoration. Sc14.
F 12/01. Discussion: Eikon Basilike, in packet.
M 12/04. The Restoration Crisis and the Stuart Revenge.
W 12/06. The Reign of James II. Sc15.
F 12/08. Discussion: John Locke, Second Treatise on Government, in packet.
M 12/11. The Glorious Revolution.
W 12/13. Britain after 1688.
F 12/15. Review Session.
M 12/18. **Final Examination. 8 AM.**